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Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 22, line 25, with the following:

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Figures 30A and 30B are diagrams illustrating still another example of a restraint alleviation means for an actuator according to Embodiment 10.

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Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 49, line 10, with the following:

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The driving principles for head support mechanism 800 according to Embodiment 8 will be described. Figure 22A is a perspective view illustrating the expansion/shrinkage of the driving sub-means 15a and 15b formed on the head support mechanism 800 after the application of a driving voltage. Figure 22B is a perspective view illustrating the translation of the head support mechanism 800 after the application of a driving voltage.

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Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 49, line 20, with the following:

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With reference to Figure 22A, when driving voltages are applied such that the driving sub-means 15a and 15b will expand or shrink in reverse phases, the driving sub-means 15a shrinks in the direction of an arrow DD, whereas the driving sub-means 15b expands in the direction of an arrow FF.

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Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 49, line 27, and continuing to page 50, line 3, with the following:

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With reference to Figure 22B, when driving voltages are applied to the driving sub-means 15a and 15b in reverse phases so that an absolute value of the driving voltage to the driving sub-means 15b is sufficiently greater than an absolute value of the driving voltage to the driving sub-means 15a, a portion of the flexure 4 on which the driving sub-means 15b is formed has a sufficiently large warp in the direction of an arrow R1, whereas a portion of the flexure 4 on which the driving sub-means 15a is formed has a small warp in the direction of an arrow R2.

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